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above, and Bulet to WFO 7/3/63, captioned ERNESTO F.
BETANCOURT, Source of Information (Former CSWF 1035-S) *(u)*Enclosed are eleven copies to the Bureau, two to
Miami, and one to New York and San Juan, of a LHM.WFO T-1 is ERNESTO BETANCOURT (former CSWF 1035-S) *(u)*
who furnished info to SA HOWARD P. WINTER. (134-1969-Sub A-107) *(u)*BETANCOURT's registration file located at Depart-
ment of Justice reviewed by SA DONALD HOETING *(u)*In view of Bureau's denial to WFO to reactivate
BETANCOURT as a symbolized confidential source, WFO intends
to utilize his services as a source of info relative to
his activity in behalf of ELC. WFO will also contact
HUMBERTO BERTRAN, source of information, for additional
information concerning captioned organization. *(u)*The enclosed LHM is classified "Confidential"
since info could reasonably result in identification of
a confidential informant of continuing value and compro-
mise the future effectiveness thereof. *(u)*

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Enclosed herewith are eleven copies to the Bureau
and copies to other recipient offices, as noted in the
copy count, of a letterhead memorandum, with its memorandum
of evaluation, dated and captioned as above.

WF T-1 is HUMBERTO BERTRAN, source of information,
who furnished information set forth in the enclosed
memorandum to SA GERARD C. CARROLL.

WF T-2 is ERNESTO FRANCISCO BETANCOURT HERNANDEZ
(former CS WF 1035-S) who furnished information to SA
HOWARD P. WINTER. *(u)*

Records of the Registration Section, U. S. Depart-
ment of Justice (USDJ), were reviewed by SA CARROLL.

With reference to the anticipated contact
between BETANCOURT and a representative of ELC in Miami,
Florida, on 6/12/63, BERTRAN explained that on 6/11/63,
BETANCOURT told him that henceforth he would be associated
with activities of ELC, and would receive telephone calls from
representatives of this organization at BERTRAN's home,
Washington, D. C. Although BERTRAN did not explicitly
agree to allow BETANCOURT to receive these calls at his
home, BERTRAN did not refuse to let him do it. BERTRAN stated
that he had purposely not questioned BETANCOURT as to the
nature or details of his activities. BETANCOURT, however,
has indicated to BERTRAN that the reason he was not receiving
these calls at his own residence was the fact that he was
afraid the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) might know of *(u)*

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his activities, and possibly interfere in a manner detrimental to the best interests of ELC. (u)

BERTRAN advised on 6/13/63, that the telephone call BETANCOURT expected to receive on 6/12/63, at BERTRAN's residence, was scheduled to be made at 9:00 p.m. The call, however, was not placed until 11:00 p.m. BERTRAN's young son answered the telephone, and when the caller asked for BETANCOURT by the name of FRANCISCO (middle name) HERNANDEZ (matronymic), BERTRAN's son told the caller that no one by this name was known to him, and terminated the telephone conversation. (u)

In view of information set forth in the enclosed memorandum, ERNESTO BETANCOURT will be reactivated by WFO as a confidential source, and the Bureau so advised by separate communication. (X)(u)

2-11-63
Captioned case is being reopened at WFO, and WFO, through contact with BETANCOURT, will attempt to follow and report activities of ELC. (X)(u)

The enclosed memorandum is classified "Confidential" since information from both sources could reasonably result in the identification of confidential informants of continuing value, and compromise future effectiveness thereof. It is further classified "Confidential" since it reflects FBI investigative interest in an employee of an international organization. (X)(u)

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On June 12, 1963, WF T-1 advised he had learned that Ernesto Betancourt, Coordinator, Department of Economic Affairs, Pan-American Union (PAU), Washington, D. C. is currently associated with activities of captioned organization. Betancourt recently obtained permission from the PAU for a six month leave of absence from his official duties, and which will enable him to devote full time to work as a "coordinator" for ELC. The informant was unaware of the nature or scope of Betancourt's duties as "coordinator". Despite the fact that Betancourt is, or shortly will be, on leave of absence from the PAU, he will receive income for translation work he will do during his absence from the PAU. (u)

According to the informant, Betancourt was scheduled to be contacted during the evening of June 12, 1963, by a person in Miami, Florida, associated with ELC. The identity of this person and the nature of the scheduled contact with Betancourt were not known by the informant. (u)

The same informant advised on June 13, 1963, he had learned that as a result of a mix-up in telephonic communication, the expected contact between Betancourt and the above-mentioned person in Miami, was not effected on June 12, 1963. (u)

WF T-2 on June 14, 1963, confirmed that, effective June 15, 1963, Ernesto Betancourt had been granted a six month leave of absence from his position with the PAU. This informant said that Betancourt had requested this leave in order that he might devote more of his time to supporting and assisting from Washington, D. C., the anti-Castro activities of ELC. The informant explained that Betancourt had officially disassociated himself from the PAU since his partisan activities against the Castro regime in Cuba would be inconsistent with his tenure as an official of a non-partisan international organization. The informant added that Betancourt had chosen this time to take this action since (u)

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